

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the indication by the Examiner that dependent claims 17 and 30, as previously amended, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 17 was directly dependent upon claim 1. Claim 1, as amended herein, now includes the limitation presented in dependent claim 17.

Claim 30 was dependent upon claim 29, which, in turn, was dependent upon claim 28. Claim 28 has been amended to now include all of the limitations in claims 29 and 30.

In view of the amendments presented herein, independent claims 1 and 28 now include all of the limitations that the Examiner acknowledged to be allowable in the most recent Office Action.

The remaining claims in this application are all dependent claims; depending either directly or indirectly from either amendment claim 1 or amended claim 28. Therefore, all of these dependent claims should now be allowable.

It should be understood that applicant has amended the claims herein in order to place this application in condition for allowance, without prejudice to applicant's right to seek broader coverage in one or more subsequently filed continuing applications. In fact, applicant respectfully disagrees with the previous rejection of the claims in this application based upon Bourdelais et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,472,034. These objections will be presented in detail in any continuing applications filed by applicant directed to this invention.

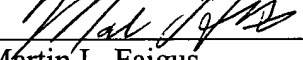
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In view of the amendments presented herein applicant submits that all of the claims presented herein include patentably novel subject matter, which already has been acknowledged by the Examiner. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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